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**Appearance:** Evergreen tree commonly 12–18 m (35–60 ft) in height with dense, rounded head, smooth branches, and milky sap.

**Leaves:** Alternate, long-petioled, trifoliate (3 leaflets); leaflets shiny, bronze-toned, oval-elliptic, 15–20 cm (6–8 in) long, with margins small toothed.

**Flowers:** Tiny, without petals, greenish-yellow, in many flowered clusters (racemes) at leaf axils; male and female flowers on separate plants (dioecious).

**Fruit:** Pea-sized, berry-like, fleshy, to 9 mm (0.35 in) in diameter; brown or reddish or blue-black, 3-celled.

**Ecological threat:**

Common in old fields and disturbed wetland sites; invading intact cypress domes and tropical hardwood hammocks, where it displaces native vegetation and alters the structure of the plant community. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** C, SW, SE

**Field Notations**

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